

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB607

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 03, 2009
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Gay
One Liner: Adopt the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Adams, Ashford, Cornett, Giese, Haar, Howard, Sullivan
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Avery
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Lisa Johns
Thomas O'Neill

James Cavanaugh

Representing:

Senator Tim Gay - Introducer
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of
Nebraska
Creighton University

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Kristin Petersen
Marshall Hill

Representing:

Nebraska State Colleges
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 607 would create the Higher Education Scholarship Program Act. The program would provide academic scholarships to resident, full-time, undergraduate students who score a 28 or higher on the ACT. Scholarships could be used to attend any public or private nonprofit post-secondary institution located in Nebraska. Scholarships could be renewed for at least three additional years, provided the student maintains full-time enrollment and a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 or higher. The amount of the scholarship would be \$1,500, which would be matched by the institution attended by the recipient. Scholarships would be awarded to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis beginning in the 2010-11 academic year. The bill requires the Legislature to appropriate \$2,500,000 in F.Y. 2010-11 and \$5,000,000 in F.Y. 2011-12 to carry out the act. The act would be administered by the Coordinating Commission for Post-secondary Education.

Greg Adams, Chairperson